Issue of licences and letters of intent for setting up electronic units in Maharashtra

*355. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of licences and letters of intent issued so far for setting up electronic units in Maharashtra;

(b) the names of places where the units have been set up or are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the capacity of and investment on each unit?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Details regarding Industrial Licences and Letters of Intent issued upto June 1984 for setting up electronics units in Maharashtra are given in the enclosed Annexure (See Appendix CXXXI, Annexure No. 42.]

(b) and (c) Details regarding location of the plants and the investments in these plants will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of the 20-point programme in Jammu and Kashmir

*356. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the 20-Point Programme in Jammu and Kashmir is unsatisfactory; and

(b) whether the Planning Commission has written to the Stat Government asking them to accelerate the pace of the implementation of the Programme?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Either as a percentage of the target or in comparison with the national average, the performance in a number of items has not been satisfactory

(b) Yes, Sir.

Import of magnesite sinter

*357. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that Government have to depend on import of large quantity of magnesite sinter to meet the domestic requirement;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange thus spent during the last three years;

(c) whether magnesite reserves in the country are fully exploited for the manufacture of 'refractory bricks' an essential requirement for the steel industry; and

(d) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) The Silica content of indigenous magnesite is high and it is because of this that it cannot be used in special high quality refractories. Import of dead burnt magnesite (which is also termed as magnesite sinter) with silica content less than 4 per cent is, therefore, allowed under the Open General Licence. Import of dead burnt magnesite with silica content between 4 to 6 per cent is permitted under the automatic licensing scheme and import of dead burnt magnesite with more than 6 per cent silica is restricted.

(b) The amount spent on the import of dead burnt magnesite during 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 was as follows:—

1979-80	. . .	759.44
1980-81	. . .	460.66
1981-82	. . .	31.28

The figures for the years 1982-83 and 1983-84 are not available.

(c) and (d) Magnesite deposits in the Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh are found suitable for the production of basic refractories. The Pithoragarh project, which is under development, envisages the mining of raw magnesite and the establishment of a plant for dead burning of magnesite in a rotary kiln.

Reorganisation of States

*358. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from various sources as had appeared in the Hindustan Times of 21st July, 1984, for the bifurcation and reorganisation of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar in smaller States for speedy development;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a Commission on this question; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. There have been occasional demands for reorganisation of some of the relatively larger States into smaller States. Apart from the demands referred to in the news item, Govt. are not aware of any sustained demands in this respect recently.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Govt. do not see any need for such a proposal.

Measures to check speedy urbanisation of rural population

*359. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to check speedy urbanisation of rural population; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government propose to take to provide gainful employment to rural population in their own areas?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P C. SETHI): (a) The Government have been pursuing a policy of Integrated Rural Development with emphasis on creation of employment opportunities for gainful employment and provision of facilities to improve the quality of life in the rural areas and, in the process, reduce migration of rural people to urban areas.

(b) Apart from the normal programmes of Agriculture, Khadi and Village Industries and Industrial Dispersal, a number of Special Programmes aimed directly at providing gainful employment opportunities to the rural population have been launched in the Sixth Five Year Plan. These are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), including the Scheme for Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP). As indicated in the Approach to the Seventh Five Year Plan, the emphasis on rural employment through these schemes will continue with better planning, closer monitoring and tighter organisation for effective implementation in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Inclusion of Guwaris in Maharashtra in Scheduled Tribes list

*360. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Community 'Guwaris' in Maharashtra has been included in the Scheduled Tribes list;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have not been given the facilities